

Rice Stocks

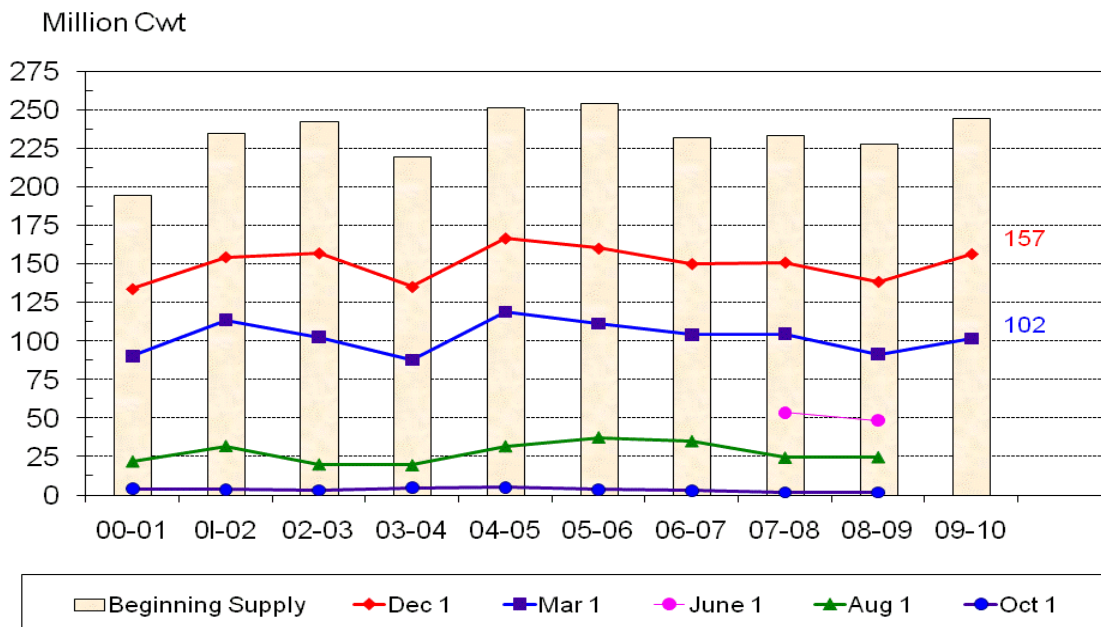
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Rough Rice Stocks Up 11 Percent from March 2009

Rough rice stocks in all positions on March 1, 2010, totaled 102 million hundredweight (cwt), up 11 percent from the total on March 1, 2009. Stocks held on farms totaled 23.5 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 78.1 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 64 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 33 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 3 percent.

Milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 4.90 million cwt, up 3 percent from a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 3.92 million cwt of whole kernal rice and 979,000 cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

U.S. Rough Rice Stocks



Rice: Stocks by Position, Month, United States, 2009-2010

Date	2009			2010		
	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
	Domestic Units					
	Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
Mar 1	21,286	70,042	91,328	23,465	78,077	101,542
Jun 1	6,920	41,446	48,366			
Aug 1	876	23,787	24,663			
Oct 1 ²	*	*	1,832			
Dec 1	51,880	104,726	156,606			
	Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
Mar 1		4,732	4,732		4,895	4,895
Jun 1		5,724	5,724			
Aug 1		4,077	4,077			
Oct 1 ²		1,483	1,483			
Dec 1		5,679	5,679			
	Metric Units ³					
	Rough Rice - Metric Tons					
Mar 1	965,520	3,177,050	4,142,570	1,064,350	3,541,510	4,605,870
Jun 1	313,890	1,879,960	2,193,850			
Aug 1	39,730	1,078,960	1,118,690			
Oct 1 ²	*	*	83,100			
Dec 1	2,353,240	4,750,290	7,103,530			
	Milled Rice - Metric Tons					
Mar 1		214,640	214,640		222,030	222,030
Jun 1		259,640	259,640			
Aug 1		184,930	184,930			
Oct 1 ²		67,270	67,270			
Dec 1		257,600	257,600			

* Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

² CA only.

³ Total may not add due to rounding.

**Rice: Stocks by Position, State, and United States,
March 1, 2009-2010**

State	2009			2010		
	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
	Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR	12,600	36,306	48,906	12,600	37,106	49,706
CA	1,540	21,400	22,940	1,865	26,890	28,755
LA	1,650	3,726	5,376	4,550	5,391	9,941
MS	*	*	3,579	2,400	1,010	3,410
MO	*	*	4,257	*	*	3,366
TX	*	*	6,270	*	*	6,364
Unall*	5,496	8,610		2,050	7,680	
US	21,286	70,042	91,328	23,465	78,077	101,542
	Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR		1,611	1,611		1,383	1,383
CA		1,724	1,724		1,943	1,943
LA		*	*		769	769
MS		*	*		*	*
MO		*	*		*	*
TX		942	942		402	402
Unall*		455	455		398	398
US		4,732	4,732		4,895	4,895

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**Rough Rice: Stocks By Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, March 1, 2009-2010**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	560	350	20,035	*	2,345	*	22,940	28,755
Oth Sts ¹	63,666	65,139	4,720	*	2	*	68,388	72,787
US	64,226	65,489	24,755	33,377	2,347	2,676	91,328	101,542

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¹ AR, LA, MS, MO, and TX.

**Milled Rice: Stocks by Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, March 1, 2009-2010**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	*	754	1,295	*	*	832	1,371
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	224	177	*	*	2,515	2,545
US	2,300	2,370	978	1,472	69	74	3,347	3,916
	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings ²		Brewers		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	*	*		*	*	892	572
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	*	20	*	*	493	407
US	794	707	64	20	527	252	1,385	979

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² Screenings included with second heads in CA.

**Rice: Stocks by Position, State, and United States,
December 1, 2008-2009**

State	2008			2009		
	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
	Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR	25,700	41,381	67,081	28,000	46,384	74,384
CA	2,730	33,118	35,848	3,220	38,182	41,402
LA	7,100	6,064	13,164	9,000	7,900	16,900
MS	*	*	6,663	5,000	1,714	6,714
MO	*	*	8,158	*	*	7,460
TX	1,800	5,887	7,687	*	*	9,746
Unall*	10,200	4,621		6,660	10,546	
US	47,530	91,071	138,601	51,880	104,726	156,606
	Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt					
AR		1,336	1,336		1,404	1,404
CA		2,293	2,293		2,918	2,918
LA		602	602		399	399
MS		*	*		*	*
MO		*	*		*	*
TX		682	682		677	677
Unall*		342	342		281	281
US		5,255	5,255		5,679	5,679

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**Rough Rice: Stocks By Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, December 1, 2008-2009**

State	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	*	31,583	37,029	*	*	35,848	41,402
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	6,406	12,235	*	*	102,753	115,204
US	96,994	103,430	37,989	49,264	3,618	3,912	138,601	156,606

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**Milled Rice: Stocks By Length of Grain in All Positions,
California, Other States, and United States, December 1, 2008-2009**

State	Whole Kernels (Head Rice)							
	Long		Medium		Short		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	*	1,399	1,247	*	*	1,481	1,323
Oth Sts ¹	*	*	132	249	*	*	2,634	2,268
US	2,504	2,022	1,531	1,496	80	73	4,115	3,591
	Broken Kernels							
	Second Heads		Screenings ²		Brewers		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	*	1,080	*		*	515	812	1,595
Oth Sts ¹	*	294	*	52	*	147	328	493
US	661	1,374	42	52	437	662	1,140	2,088

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Reliability of March 1, 2010 Rice Stocks Estimates

Survey Procedures: The rice stocks estimates in this report are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March. Separate surveys were conducted to obtain the on-farm and off-farm estimates. The on-farm stocks survey is a probability survey based on a sampling procedure that ensures all operations storing rice in the U.S. have a chance to be selected. These producers were asked to provide the total quantities of grain stored on their operations as of March 1, 2010. Off-farm stocks are a census of all known rice storage facilities. An effort is made to obtain reports from all off-farm facilities. Estimates are made for missing facilities to assure complete coverage.

Estimation Procedures: On-farm and off-farm survey data are reviewed at the State and national levels for reasonableness, consistency with historical estimates, and current crop size. After estimates are made for on-farm and off-farm rice stocks, the total of these two are combined and evaluated using the balance sheet approach. This method utilizes other sources of data to check the reasonableness of the stocks estimates. Estimates of production, exports, and millings are reviewed to make sure beginning stocks, production, utilization, and ending stocks are within reasonable balance and present the best possible estimate of stocks.

Revision Policy: On-farm and off-farm stocks are subject to revision in the quarter following initial publication and again in the following December 1 "**Rice Stocks**" report published in January each year. Revisions can be made when late reports are received, errors are detected in reporting and calculating, and when production estimates are revised. Estimates will also be reviewed after data for the 5-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions to these years will be made after that date.

Reliability: Reliability of the on-farm and off-farm stocks must be treated separately because the survey design for the two surveys are drastically different. The on-farm stocks estimates are subject to sampling variability because all operations holding on-farm stocks are not included in the sample.

Survey indications are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omission, duplication, imputation for missing data, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. Off-farm, as well as on-farm stocks, are subject to these types of errors. These errors cannot be measured directly, but they are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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